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 TAGS: PREL, UNSC, SP  
 SUBJECT: RWANDA WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. BEGIN SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST. POST IS REQUESTED

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TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON A SPANISH LAWYER PROPOSED TO HEAD  
THE RWANDA WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL, IF ONE IS ESTABLISHED.  
END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST.

3. A LAWYER IN SPAIN, LEOPOLDO TORRES BOURSALT, HAS BEEN  
SUGGESTED AS A POSSIBLE CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE RWANDA WAR  
CRIMES TRIBUNAL, IF ONE IS ESTABLISHED. HE WAS A LAWYER  
AT THE MADRID BAR SINCE 1965 AND HAS LECTURED AT THE  
FACULTY OF LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MADRID AND AT THE  
INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY. HE ALSO WAS A STATE PROSECUTOR  
AT THE COURT OF CASSATION.

4. POST IS ASKED TO MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES REGARDING  
TORRES' REPUTATION AS A LAWYER AND PROSECUTOR, THE NATURE  
AND DEPTH OF HIS PROSECUTORIAL EXPERIENCE AND HIS GENERAL  
ABILITY TO RUN A WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE  
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TO KNOW WHETHER TORRES SPEAKS ENGLISH AND HOW WELL HE  
WOULD WORK WITH THE USG.

5. IN ADDITION, TORRES' RESUME INDICATES THAT HE -WAS  
INVOLVED IN MANY TRIALS OF POLITICAL AND TRADE-UNION  
MILITANTS UNDER THE DICTATORSHIP." POST IS ASKED TO FIND  
OUT WHAT TORRES' INVOLVEMENT WAS IN THESE MATTERS AND  
WHETHER HE WAS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE ACCUSED.

6. PLEASE SLUG REPLIES FOR L - C. NIX AND L/UNA - E.  
BLOOM.  
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